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1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,



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- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1



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NEW TITLE:

Information Verification in a Telecommunications Network

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Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

NEW ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for bill verification in a communication and computing environment is disclosed. The apparatus includes a user device (12, 14, 16) and a bill verification device (26). The user device independently generates (30) user data records (36) that describe usage units of a service and transmits (42) the user data records to a bill verification device (26). The bill verification device collects bill calculation information from a user device, from a service provider device (18) and a service provider billing system and independently calculates and generates a bill with embedded inter-bill difference indicators. The bill verification device is further used as a post-billing usage control mechanism.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06F 17/60
US CL : 705/40, 30, 32

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
U.S. : 705/40, 30, 32, 34, 38, 39, 52

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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